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For: METHOD FOR SELECTING ESCHERICHIA COLI STRAIN WHICH HIGHLY
EXPRESSES EXOGENOUS GENES, ESCHERICHIA COLI MUTANT STRAINS
SELECTED BY THIS METHOD AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING ENZYMES AND
COMPOUNDS USING THE SAME

REQUEST FOR CORRECTED OFFICIAL FILING RECEIPT

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Title: [Method of selecting Escherichia coli strain overexpressing foreign gene
escherichia coli mutant thus selected and process for producing enzyme and compound using the
same]

Method For Selecting Escherichia Coli Strain Which Highly Expresses Exogenous
Genes, Escherichia Coli Mutant Strains Selected By This Method And Process For Producing
Enzymes And Compounds Using The Same

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Title Method For Selecting Escherichia Coli Strain Which Highly Expresses Exogenous Genes, Escherichia Coli Mutant Strains Selected By This Method And Process For Producing Enzymes And Compounds Using The Same
 [Method of selecting escherichia coli strain overexpressing foreign gene escherichia coli mutant thus selected and process for producing enzyme and compound using the same]

Preliminary Class

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METHOD FOR SELECTING ESCHERICHIA COLI
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GENES, ESCHERICHIA COLI MUTANT STRAINS
SELECTED BY THIS METHOD AND PROCESS FOR
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☐ the specification of which is attached hereto

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2002-360564 JAPAN
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